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Nick of overtime

Knights need three overtimes to topple visiting Tulsa — SEE SPORTS, A9



Food for thought

After school program helps educate low-income children — SEE NEWS, A2



PRANKS

FIGHTING SNOW WITH PIGS

Members of a high school swim team were suspended after they impaled 15 car antennas with fetal pigs and smeared crawfish on hoods and windshields in their rival school's parking lot. Roosevelt High School swim coach said members of his team retaliated after the opposing team lobbed snowballs at them.



LANGUAGE

NEVER RANT IN WRITING

A man who wrote a vulgar message on the memo line of a check he used to pay a \$5 parking ticket has apologized in writing, leading police to drop a disorderly conduct charge against him. Clerks were offended by the message, and the disorderly conduct charge was filed because the comment was obscene, police Chief James Donnelly said.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2

SNEA HOLDS FIRST SPRING MEETING BEGINNING AT NOON

The Student National Education Association will be holding its first meeting of the spring semester Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Upcoming plans for the semester will be discussed at the meeting.

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EARLY VOTING TO BEGIN TODAY FOR JAN. 29 FLORIDA PRIMARY

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SECOND BODY FOUND IN SEARCH FOR 4 KIDS THROWN FROM BRIDGE

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AT&T donates \$50k for research

Funds go toward military training projects

CAITLIN SMITH
Contributing Writer

UCF announced on Dec. 17 a donation of \$50,000 from AT&T's philanthropic arm, which funds the school's continued simulation-technologies graduate work.

The Institute for Simula-

tion and Training (IST) at UCF is an internationally recognized research institute that focuses on advancing modeling and simulation technology and increasing the community's understanding of simulation's role in training and education.

At a ceremony held at the

IST headquarters, located on Technology Parkway. There, the company presented UCF representatives with a check. In previous years, IST has been responsible for coordinating simulation research for its graduate students.

This is the fourth consecutive year AT&T has donat-

ed to UCF and brings the company's overall donation to a total of \$150,000.

The AT&T Modeling and Simulation Award, the largest donation to the program, is used to augment financial aid from the university with the hope of attracting the best possible graduate study candidates. Modeling and simulation is the study of computer-driv-

en re-creations of reality that can be used to train people to react during complex tasks, such as flying an aircraft.

Congressman Tom Feeney, a strong supporter of UCF and its programs, was in attendance at the ceremony and delivered a short speech saying, "Every year I

PLEASE SEE PARTNERSHIP ON A3

"When you look at people who have so little but do so much, it's very inspiring."

— BETSY SWART

Can-do in

KENYA



Grad student helps homeless teens

RAISA CAMARGO
Contributing Writer

For some students, spending winter break in one of the largest slum cities in Africa is not a favorable option, but it was an opportunity for change for UCF graduate student of social work Betsy Swart.

"When you look at people who have so little but do so much," Swart said, "it's very inspiring."

In December 2007, Swart organized a two-week stay in Kenya to help homeless teens in the city of Kibera establish a clean water system.

"In the slums, people don't have water for free," Swart said.

Until recently, the only access to water in Kibera was from the Nairobi dam, according to the Web site for Kibera UK — Gap Year Company, an organization that sends volunteers to Kibera. The dam's water was so polluted that it caused health hazards such as typhoid and cholera. Some residents take long walks to buy clean water sold in jugs, but it's expensive, Swart said.

A day in the life of a Kibera resident is difficult because most families live without electricity and all without plumbing and running water, Swart said. Every day, the first thing they do is buy water, and then they're careful to use the water wisely, she said.

The urgency for fresh water was a problem for many homeless children, but Swart and the youth group in Kibera were finally able to



Youth group members help clean up a slum in Kibera, Kenya. Members of the UCF social work department help to support the group.



The Kenya youth soccer team sends warm New Year's wishes to UCF social work.

install a water tank that filters rain water into drinkable water. This new system has helped with some of the water needs for the homeless.

Swart also said that people in Kibera live without any plumbing, sewage or garbage removal. In order to remedy the situation, faculty and students from the social

work department have helped the youth group in Kibera to organize environmental cleanups. The cleanups have helped to cover open sewage and re-route it away from housing.

Associate Director for Research John Bricout, Swart's adviser in the College of Social Work, said that Swart was well-suited for the work she did in Kibera.

"Betsy is a very conscientious, intelligent, creative and committed social work student who is really motivated to helping most vulnerable children in the developing world," Bricout said.

Swart's involvement with the homeless Kenyan teens began in 2004 while she was visiting her friend, who was

Bright Futures benefit reduced

Decrease a result of state budget cut

NATALIE COSTA
Staff Writer

This year, students under the Bright Futures Scholarship will have their educational allowance reduced by \$75, in response to the changing economics in the state university system.

The allotted amount before the change was \$300, calculated by hours and terms.

This decrease in financial aid is a direct result of the 2 percent reduction in the state student financial aid budget for the 2007-2008 academic year due to state revenue deficits.

The First Generation Matching Grant Program will also be affected by this reduction, and according to the Bright Futures' Web site, students in this program will be forced to bare the brunt of revenue shortfalls.

Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance Lisa Minnick said the change in Bright Futures will concern only the 4,054 students who receive the allowance.

"The 17,482 other Bright Futures award recipients do not receive this educational allowance, and thus, will not be affected by it," Minnick said.

The Student Government Association's Director of Governmental Affairs Maria Pecoraro said that if one student is adversely affected, it's still significant.

"One student is still bad because they're not getting the full education in the state of Florida [The Legisla-

PLEASE SEE SOCIAL ON A8

PLEASE SEE CUT ON A5

Confusion resolved, meal plan frustrations relieved

AMANDA WELCH
Contributing Writer

After a week wrought with confusion, Business Services and Dining Services are prepared to meet the demands of Towers residents frustrated with their meal plans.

The agreement follows an outcry made by students who purchased the plans because they were told that UCF's new marketplace, Knightro's, would open in the New UCF Arena building by spring term.

"The reason why I bought a meal plan was because Knightro's would be opening up in November," said one such resident, freshman political science major Trent Phillips. "Then they pushed it back to Jan. 5, and now they've pushed it back even further."

Tired of walking across campus to the Ferrell Commons Marketplace, Phillips called Dining Services on Wednesday to cancel the remainder of his meal plan. Tracey Shively, the meal plan consultant, told him he could

not have his money back.

"I kind of feel like I'm being taken advantage of as a student," Phillips said.

Instead, she offered him three options. Students could purchase a Pegasus Plan, which gives Towers residents the option to choose any meal plan, regardless of living situations.

Students can downgrade his residential plan to one of the cheaper commuter plans, and they have the option to

PLEASE SEE CRACKS ON A6



Knightro's, adjacent to the New UCF Arena, was scheduled to open the first day of the spring semester but remains under construction. The opening date is not yet determined.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

SUNNY
66° 40°
HIGH LOW

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

SNEA holds first spring meeting

The Student National Education Association will be holding its first meeting of the spring semester today from noon to 1 p.m. Upcoming plans for the semester will be discussed. For more information, contact lemondrop618@yahoo.com.

VUCF presents "Stop the Bop"

Volunteer UCF Knight-Thon will be hosting "Stop the Bop," a fundraiser that will go to support the Children's Miracle Network. The fundraiser will take place outside the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Knight-Thon will continuously play "MMMBop" until the fundraising goal for the event has been met. For more information, contact knight-thon@mail.ucf.edu.

KoRT hosts UCF club showcase

Knights of the Round Table will hold a club showcase Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the South Patio of the Student Union. The showcase will give students a chance to meet reps from more than 50 student organizations from UCF. For more information, contact kort_org@mail.ucf.edu.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Early voting to begin today for Florida primary and tax referendum

TALLAHASSEE — Early voting is set to begin today for the Jan. 29 Florida primary and property tax referendum.

Early voting is designated by law to begin 15 days before an election.

Voters who don't want to make a trip to the elections office can also request an absentee ballot from their county's supervisor of elections by mail or by phone. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Jan. 23.

The state Legislature moved up its primary last year to Jan. 29 so that it would have more effect, even though Democratic and Republican party rules state it should take place no sooner than Feb. 5. The national parties have punished Florida by stripping the state of all Democratic delegates and half its Republican delegation to the national nominating conventions. Because Florida is a closed primary state, only Democrats and Republicans can vote in those primaries. But anyone can vote for the state's property tax referendum.

The proposal would double their existing \$25,000 homestead

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LET US KNOW

The *Future* wants to hear from you. If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@centralfloridafuture.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition, 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday edition.

Lessons with NOURISHMENT

UCF's Rock for Hunger feeds children's minds and appetites

WHITNEY HAMRICK
Staff Writer

Kids from low-income families were given a bite to eat and a little knowledge, courtesy of a UCF student group.

Rock for Hunger, a student organization, started an after-school program during fall 2007 to help more than 40 children from the Paramore district of downtown Orlando.

Tutors and Meals takes place every Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the John H. Jackson Community Center on Carter Street.

The group hopes to one day run its own center and provide its services every day but needs more space. Getting volunteers and funding has proven to be the largest obstacle to this goal.

In the classroom, renderings of Martin Luther King, Jr. hang on the wall along with a painting of a globe that has "Keep Orlando Clean. Think Globally. Act Locally," written above it.

The children were boisterous while they practiced basic math skills in adding and subtracting.

"We primarily work on math and reading," said Chris Goyzueta, the communications graduate student who started Rock for Hunger. "Some of them aren't at their grade level. They need to be, so we're helping them get there and above."

For reading skills, Clara Merone, a health sciences and liberal studies alumna, read *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

"We ask questions to see if they comprehend the story," Merone said. "It also builds group interaction and calms them down. We work on everything. We switch it up. We don't have a set routine."

Rock for Hunger strives to alleviate poverty for citizens of Orlando by feeding the homeless on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the old post office on Jefferson Street and Magnolia Avenue. The group also offers job training and resume building on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the downtown library.

Rock for Hunger raised more than \$9,000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank and the organization's programs last November during its annual Rock for Hunger Fest concert series.

Angela Griner, lead singer of the band Lona that performed at Rock for Hunger Fest 2 and a former teacher for nine years, formulates the lesson plan and also leads the students in sing-alongs with her guitar. The last song taught the students how to say hello in different languages.

"Our goal is to help kids who are performing low through lack of resources," Griner said. "In some cases, the parents are working two to three jobs to make ends meet."

During fall 2008, Griner will begin graduate studies in education leadership, individualized toward global perspectives and ways of working with non-profits. She plans to write her dissertation on Rock for Hunger's efforts.

After the math lesson, the papers



WHITNEY HAMRICK / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Chris Goyzueta, top, founder of the UCF organization, Rock for Hunger, hands out snacks to children at the organization's after-school program at the John H. Jackson Community Center. Children get above, ready to play a game after finishing their homework for the day. Rock for Hunger's after-school program was started back in the fall of 2007 as a way to help more than 40 children from low-income families in the Paramore district of Orlando.

were graded and candy was passed out to everyone. The most well-behaved students received first dibs.

"A lot of you did well today. You got A's," Merone said. "For those of you that didn't, all you need to do is practice, and in the next few weeks I want to see progress."

Rock for Hunger provides a meal after tutoring to ensure the students have something in their stomachs to hold them over until dinner. The meal last Friday included a selection of bologna, peanut butter and jelly — or just peanut butter or just jelly — and sugar-free lemon creme cookies.

A game of "Heads Up, Seven Up," with the rarely followed rule of no cheating or peeking, followed the meal to fill the time before the children were to leave.

"The city funds the Jackson Center and other after-school programs, but there is still a bigger need," Goyzueta said. "When I drive around, I see a lot of kids hang out on the streets. There needs to be a better way to get them off the streets."

Merone said she believes the younger the student who can be reached, the better the chance that student has to succeed.

"I always like to help kids with empowering them," Merone said. "This was a great opportunity to get involved with the kids' programs. To tutor them, mentor them and help them realize their goals and aspirations that they have, so they can come back to the program that helped make them who they are and give back. It's all about giving back."

LOCAL WEATHER



Today
SUNNY

High: 66°
Low: 40°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Sunny with a high near 66. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 20. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 40. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Tuesday
MOSTLY SUNNY

High: 63°
Low: 41°

Wednesday
CHANCE SHOWERS

High: 65°
Low: 56°

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Over the past four years, the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation has relied on AT&T for its expertise in communications and network technologies. These technologies allow for better training that simulates true-to-life battlefield scenarios.

"By using next-generation technology to deliver

more realistic and accurate training, live simulation will help the Army provide its troops with better simulation for battlefield training," said AT&T's president of Government Solutions, Don Herring, in a report from Yahoo Finance.

Therefore, soldiers will be more prepared for all kinds of battle scenarios before they ever step foot in harm's way.

The actual live-simulation technologies research is located in the Central Florida Research Park and will take place at UCF at the Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Simulation and Training Technology Center. The partnership is also home to the U.S. Army's Research Development and Engineering Command simulation and training research activity, in conjunction with IST.

"Modeling and simulation has grown in recognition by industry as a field worthy of advanced study," said IST Director Randall Shumaker. "This grant by AT&T is a prime example of that recognition and will help attract highly qualified students to the program."

Several years ago, UCF developed multidisciplinary master's and Ph.D. degree programs in modeling and simulation. More than 140 graduates with a master's degree or a Ph.D. have played a role in modeling and simulation research advances.

"AT&T's consistent and valuable support of UCF's simulation and training research has helped the U.S. military leverage advanced technology to ensure that its troops are fully prepared for combat," said UCF President John Hitt in a release on the AT&T Web site. "The program has also ushered in a new generation of scientists whose research has been critical to the program's success."

Herring said that the partnership between UCF and AT&T has been successful in benefiting U.S. soldiers.

"AT&T is honored once again to commit our support to the program and is very proud of the significant achievements this partnership has accomplished," Herring said. "This is a great example of how industry, academic and government can work together to support the troops."

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exemption for homes valued at more than \$50,000 but only for non-school taxes. It also would let homeowners take their Save Our Homes benefits along when they move.

Other provisions would give businesses a break on taxes they pay on equipment and other personal property, and put a 10 percent cap on annual assessment increases for non-homestead properties — although they rarely increase that much.

Escaped jail inmate attacks Citrus County homeowner

LECANTO — Deputies pressed on with their search for an escaped jail inmate Sunday after he attacked a homeowner with a hammer, authorities said.

James Coursey, 49, was seen Sunday morning in a shed outside of a home in Citrus County, two days after he escaped a detention facility on foot, sheriff's spokeswoman Heather Yates said.

The homeowner who spotted Coursey approached the shed, and that's when Coursey attacked the homeowner with a hammer, Yates said.

The homeowner, who was not immediately named, suffered minor cuts and was treated on the scene, Yates said. Coursey was seen fleeing to the south in Lecanto, a small town about 60 miles north of Tampa. Deputies in helicopters and with K-9 units on the ground were hunting for him Sunday afternoon, Yates said.

Coursey fled the Citrus County Detention Facility on Friday afternoon.

Coursey is about 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, with curly light brown hair and blue eyes. The public was warned not to confront Coursey if he is spotted, and call police immediately.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at
colleges around the country

Young women outpace young men in degree attainment

Greater proportions of young women than young men are earning bachelor's degrees, according to new data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau. But among adults over 25, men are still more likely than women to have received such degrees.

Nearly one-third, or 33.1 percent, of women ages 25 to 29 reported in 2007 that they had earned a bachelor's degree or higher. That compares with 26.3 percent of men in the same age range.

The data strongly suggests that college enrollment among young women over the past decade has significantly outpaced that among young men.

In 1997, just 29.3 percent of women ages 25 to 29 said they had earned a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 26.3 percent of men in that age range.

While college enrollment among women is surging, women have yet to close the gap from earlier generations.

Among all men 25 years or older, 29.5 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 28 percent of women.

The 2007 data also highlights the difference in earnings for Americans who receive college degrees and those who do not.

In 2006, workers over the age of 18 with a master's, professional, or doctoral degree took home an average annual salary of \$82,320. Those with just a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$56,788.

The census data were culled from a survey of about 98,000 homes conducted from February to April of last year and are part of the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



Mobile County Sheriff's deputy Lt. Richard Cayton scans the waters from the top of the Dauphin Island Bridge looking for the bodies of four young children thrown from the bridge.

Second body found in search for 4 kids thrown from bridge

MOBILE, Ala. — A second body was recovered Sunday in the search for four children allegedly thrown from a coastal bridge by their father, the sheriff said.

The body was found by a search team near where a duck hunter found the body of an infant about five miles west of the bridge in a marshy area on Saturday, said Mobile County Sheriff's Sgt. Jerry Taylor.

The search for the children — ranging in age from a few months to 3 years — began Tuesday near the mouth of Mobile Bay after prosecutors said the father, Lam Luong, confessed.

The children's mother, 23-year-old Kieu Phan, had gone with Luong to report them missing Monday evening.

Mobile County Sheriff Same Cochran said searchers using sonar technology saw images Friday that they believed were three bodies, but the currents were so strong the divers were unable to get to the location.

Divers re-entered the water Saturday and worked until darkness forced them out of the water without finding the other three bodies. Authorities expanded the search zone westward toward Pascagoula, Miss., believing that the strong currents may have moved the bodies in that direction. The search resumed Sunday morning.

Luong, 37, a shrimp boat worker who lives in Irvington, was being held without bond on four counts of capital murder. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole.

District Attorney John Tyson Jr. said Luong had confessed to throwing Ryan Phan, 3, Hannah Luong, 2, Lindsey Luong, 1, and Danny Luong, 4 months, off the three-mile-long bridge after an argument with his wife.

Can weakening economy survive current strains?

WASHINGTON — The unemployment rate leaps to a two-year high, record numbers of people are forced from their homes and Wall Street nose-dives again. Such is the fallout from a housing meltdown that threatens to slingshot the country into a recession.

The big economic question these days is whether the weakening economy will survive the strains or collapse under them.

The odds have grown that the economy will slip into a recession. At the beginning of last year, many economists put that chance at less than 1-in-3; now an increasing number says it has climbed to around 50-50. Goldman Sachs, the biggest investment bank on Wall Street even thinks a recession is inevitable this year.

Hopeful it can be avoided, President Bush and the Democrat-controlled Congress are exploring economic rescue measures, including possible tax rebates. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke pledged to lower interest rates as needed.

The idea is to induce people to boost spending, especially on big-ticket items such as homes and cars, and revitalize economic activity.

Much hope rides on the Fed. By dropping rates, it can act quickly — faster than Congress or the White House could agree on and deliver an economic boost.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspect in slain N.C. Marine case spotted in Louisiana

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The key suspect in the brutal slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant Marine was spotted in Louisiana and could be headed into Texas, authorities said Sunday.

Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean was seen getting on or off a Greyhound bus in Shreveport, La., Saturday night, said Shreveport police Chief Henry Whitehorn Sr.

On Saturday, authorities said they recovered what they believe to be the burnt remains of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach and her unborn child from a fire pit in Laurean's backyard, where they suspect he burned and buried her body. Those remains have been sent to the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill for a formal identification.

Lauterbach disappeared sometime after Dec. 14, not long after she met with military prosecutors to talk about her April allegation that Laurean raped her. Naval investigators said Saturday the rape case was progressing and Laurean was under a protective order to stay away from Lauterbach.

Authorities on Saturday issued an arrest warrant on murder charges for Laurean, 21, of the Las Vegas area. They believe he fled Jacksonville before dawn on Friday after leaving behind a note in which he admitted to burying her body, but said Lauterbach cut her own throat in a suicide.

Iraqi politicians join to criticize Kurdish authorities over oil

BAGHDAD — Iraqi lawmakers across a wide political spectrum chastised what they claim is overreaching by the Kurdish north, issuing a declaration Sunday opposing the self-ruled region's foreign oil deals and its ambitions in the disputed city of Kirkuk.

The declaration avoided mentioning the Kurdish government by name, but could create a new source of tension between Sunni Arab, Shiite and Kurdish groups, especially because a major Shiite party is now lobbying for the creation in southern Iraq of a self-ruled region modeled after the Kurdish one.

The Kurds are a key group within the governing coalition and have been Washington's most reliable allies in Iraq. Since the ouster of Saddam Hussein they have forged a close relationship with the majority Shiites.

But recent assertive acts by the Kurds, such as the refusal to fly the Iraqi national flag in the region, have irritated the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad along with many Sunni Arabs. Many see such gestures and the recent oil deals as a threat to national unity.

Kurdish politicians are taking increasingly tough stands on the dispute over the fate of Kirkuk. Arab and Turkomen residents oppose the Kurdish claim to the city, 180 miles north of Baghdad.

A resolution of the Kirkuk dispute was supposed to have been reached by the end of 2007 with a referendum among its inhabitants on whether it should remain ruled by Baghdad or be annexed to Kurdistan. The deadline has been extended by six months, with a vote now expected before the end of June.

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ATF trains dogs at UCF

COREY MAYNARD
Staff Writer

Wednesday and Thursday of last week found K-9 police units from all over the state centered on UCF for a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Training Event at Bright House Networks Stadium.

Almost 50 different agencies registered for the event, and the handlers took part in a training program to teach their already-certified police dogs the scent of peroxide, which can be used in explosives.

The training consisted of the dogs being run through circles of cans to check each one for the distinct odor of peroxide. In addition to the circle tests, the cans were also occasionally used in a straight line.

Whenever the dog discovered a can containing the peroxide substance, they were to sit beside it to inform the handler that they had found something of interest. After a correct find, the dogs were then rewarded by play with a ball or toy to help



PHOTOS BY COREY MAYNARD / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Left: Chris Westfall and German shepherd Sherla from Volusia County Sheriff's Office work through a straight line test. Top right: Scout indicates the can contains the explosive device. Bottom right: Dan Brown rewards his German shepherd Brix with play after a successful find.

encourage the behavior and to keep the task enjoyable for the dog.

The UCF Police Depart-

ment did not have either their handlers or dogs at the event because of injuries and scheduling conflicts.

Cut affects 4,054 students

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ture] is compromising education," Pecoraro said.

Minnick said the change was solely the decision of the Legislature, not UCF. Yet no knowledge of this change in the scholarship percolated the media and therefore was virtually undisclosed to the students it directly affected.

"This is an excellent example of how students do not have an adequate voice," Pecoraro said. "This is something that is directly affecting us, and we need to be involved in that negotiation ... in order to enhance our education."

UCF psychology major Whitney Kornegay said that

students should have been more involved in the decision.

"[These kinds of decisions] should be voted on by the Legislature and the students," Kornegay said. "Making changes to a university or adding buildings or stadiums is fine, but the student's financial aid, which determines if a lot of them can even afford to go there, should come first."

Pecoraro said that there have yet to be any bills filed regarding the Bright Futures Scholarship for this legislative session. However, bills may still be proposed before the end of the session.

Pecoraro said that cuts in education can go against the

Legislature's aim to make higher education enticing in Florida.

This year, early admission students will not be able to apply for Bright Futures before their senior year.

The cuts, while not extensive, are still an annoyance to students — those just starting out or those like Pecoraro who are in their last semester at UCF.

"I have already spent \$200 in books, so I now have to magically find \$75," Pecoraro said. "When the state's funding gets cut to the university, it affects everybody. It's unfortunate that the vehicle of change is under the tax knife."

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Cracks delay Knightro's

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convert their money to FlexBucks.

Phillips said the problem with these choices is "none of that involves me getting any money back at all."

Tim Mason, a freshman political science major and president of the Towers Area Council, said that he considers the options unsatisfactory.

A resident who chooses one of the first two options must still walk across campus for meals, he said. A student who chooses the third could end up trying to spend up to \$1,700 each semester, depending on the meal plan, at Burger King or Chick-fil-A before the FlexBucks expire at the end of the spring term.

The three options were developed by Business Services and Dining Services after meeting with Mason on Jan. 4. Devoid of a cancellation option, Mason felt that their plan circumvented the residents' request.

"At the beginning of the fall semester, when you sign up for a meal plan, they offer you a two-week cancellation window," he said. "If you're dissatisfied with your meal plan, they'll give you a refund for the unused portion. We asked them to extend that into spring term to allow for Towers residents who no longer wanted to make that trip."

However, Curt Sawyer, director of Business Services, said Thursday that Towers residents have always had the choice to cancel. He and the other contributors to the plan considered cancellation an implied fourth option. He said that the muddled situation resulted from miscommunication.

"In between Monday and Thursday, there was some confusion as things continued to escalate," Sawyer said. "The full information did not get communicated to the Dining Services staff and Trent [Phillips] got caught in the gray area."



SARAH ROGERS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Knightro's, the new UCF eatery, will consist of nine stations: Southern, Deli, Produce Market, Pizza, Vegetarian, Bakery, Dessert, Soup and Grill. The opening of the eatery has been delayed due to deep cracks in the structure's cement flooring.

Brian Compton, the assistant marketing director for Business Services, said that they will meet the requests made by Mason, Phillips and the others by implementing the two-week cancellation window for the spring. Affected Towers residents have until Jan. 18 to take advantage of the extension.

Sawyer said the delay has been difficult for all involved, not just the students.

"From a university standpoint, it's been a surprise to us as to how long this thing has been delayed," he said. "It's cost the university quite a bit as far as revenue and bad publicity. From all perspec-

tives, it's just not been a good thing."

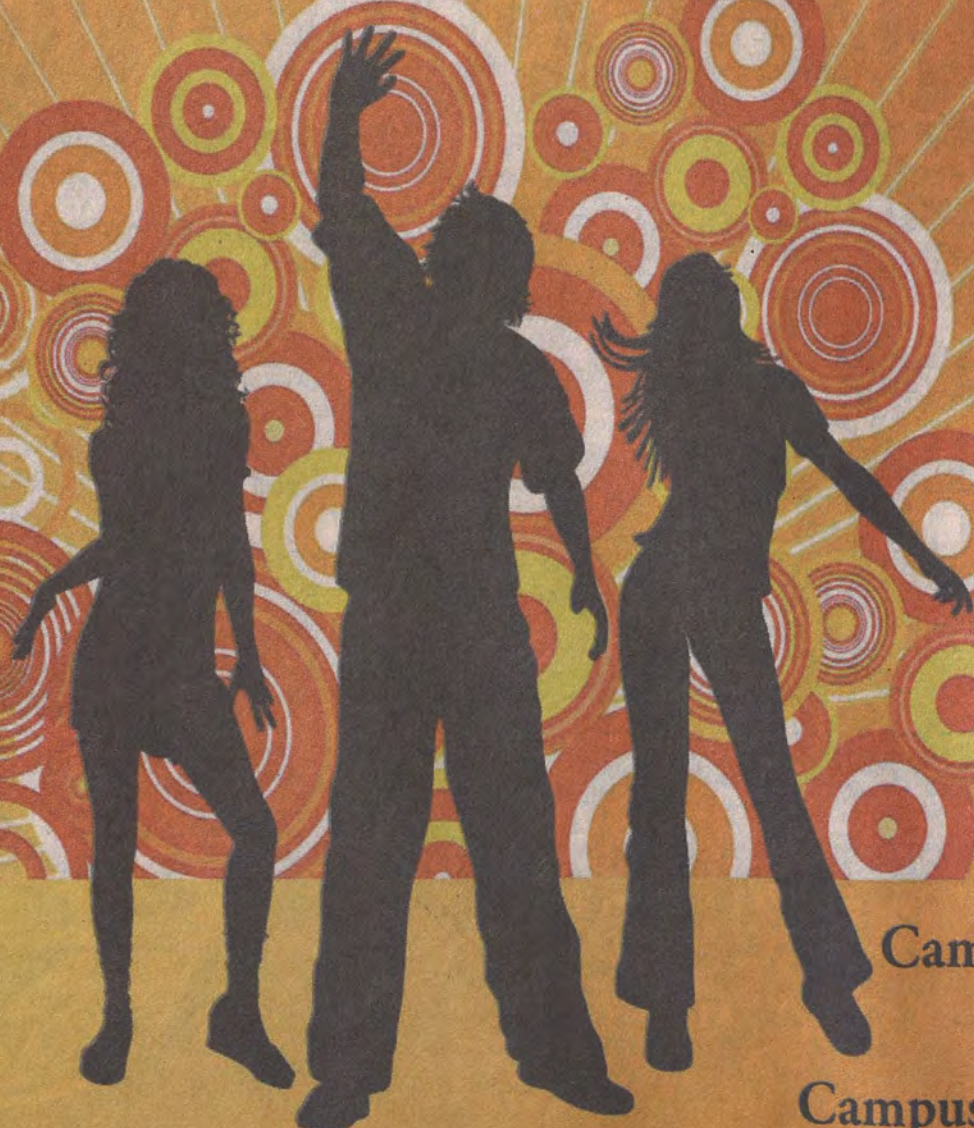
The culprits that are preventing Knightro's from opening on time are deep cracks in the cement floors, said Peggy Howse, the assistant director of operations for Business Services. As a result, Knightro's will remain closed indefinitely as they seek a permanent and attractive solution.

In the meantime, Sawyer said it is Dining Services' and Business Services' priority to meet the students' needs.

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Bright House is System of the Year

MOLLY HAYS
Contributing Writer

Bright House Networks' Central Florida branch was dubbed System of the Year for 2007 by *CableWorld Magazine* in December.

"Any time you get industry recognition, I think it has quite a bit of meaning to the company and to the employees that work here, because it's our peers that are looking at us and honoring us," said Sara Brady, vice president of Public Affairs for the Central Florida operation.

In addition to being the service provider for UCF, Bright House made a \$15 million purchase of the naming rights to the UCF football stadium that won't expire until 2022.

"We're very pleased with Bright House," said Grant Heston, assistant vice president of UCF News and Information. "They've been a tremendous partner with us, and we think it's a well-deserved honor."

Heston said that the university carefully considered the kind of company it wanted to partner with and haven't regretted choosing Bright House Networks.

"When we looked at awarding the stadium rights, we looked at it for a long time," Heston said. "We wanted somebody with an upstanding community reputation, somebody we'd be comfortable with. We think



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"Our involvement in the community is important for us to go beyond just providing telecommunication serv-

ices," Brady said. "We get so much from our customers. We think it's important to be an active participant in the community and to participate in a way that has some meaning and has some positive impact."

With a focus on arts and education, Bright House assists the Orlando Ballet in offering after-school dance classes to inner-city children who wouldn't normally have that opportunity. They also support the Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Boys & Girls clubs and A Gift For Teaching.

With 60 to 100 employees

in the Central Florida division being military veterans and many having served in the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War and ongoing Afghanistan and Iraqi conflicts, Bright House is also becoming more involved in supporting military veterans.

This commitment to community involvement is what drove *CableWorld Magazine* to recognize Bright House Networks' Central Florida branch over any other systems provider.

"That stadium, I think, is [as much of] a pivotal moment for the university as it is for us," Brady said. "It's a great partnership, and I think it tells our customers and anybody that's interested in football, or really Central Florida at all, that we are embedded in this community, and we're willing to invest in the community."

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8:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

SGA Senate Meeting, SU 218

SATURDAY 1/19

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

VUCF presents a "Hound Haven" dog handling & fund-raising event at the PetSmart in Winter Garden. Each weekend "Hound Haven" brings some of their adoptable dogs to an open house at PetSmart. Volunteer duties include running the fund-raiser & handling the dogs. If you like dogs you will love this event! Email your RSVP & any questions to UCF_Animals@mail.ucf.edu. Meet/Carpool at VAB 11:00 a.m.

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Social work members lend a hand

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teaching in a nearby school as part of the humanitarian mission in Kenya. After talking to the teens for a while, Swart and her friend offered to help with anything they needed.

They asked for help in creating a soccer team. When Swart came back to Florida, she began to set up the program with the aid of faculty members and graduate stu-

dents in the School of Social Work. In 2007, the Kenya team ranked second place in a citywide tournament.

The youth group also established a girls and boys center that is actively involved in community projects. Today, about 60 boys and girls meet every Friday in the Kibera Santiago Resource Center.

The center's next goal is to raise enough money for girls to continue secondary school. Primary school, like elementary school, is free, but secondary school requires tuition.

"If you're a homeless kid and your parents died of AIDS," Swart said, "you don't have that money. We're trying to bridge that gap."

Swart said priority is given to girls because they are in more danger living on the streets. Girls are more prone to physical abuse, rape and solicitation for prostitution. Without secondary school, there is not much of a future for these girls, Swart said.

All these ideas are coming from the youth group in Kenya, Swart said. The resource group is making its own decisions. No one is being forced into attending school, Swart said.

"The important thing is that we can get them to the point where they have that choice," Swart said. "Right now, that's only a dream."

Life is hard for the homeless youth in Kibera. Most of the time, they're trying to look for jobs, which usually involve washing car windows, helping pedestrians with luggage and collecting recycling materials from garbage, Swart said. The street kids have to decide whether they're going to use the money earned for food or for rent.

Despite these conditions, Swart said she admires the teens' ability to organize themselves and make plans to reach their goals.

Swart said she was amazed

by how the youths can overcome the dismal routine of their everyday lives.

"I see more strength and resilience there than crime and negativity," she said.

Two days after Swart's departure from Kenya, mass riots broke out over the election results of President Mwai Kibaki. According to BBC News, about 600 people have died in Kenya, but Swart said that none of the teens was among those dead.

Although two of the teens lost their rented homes, the faculty and students in the social work department are attempting to restore their loss. Also, the youth group has organized errands for those people in the community who aren't able to travel far. Because several grocery stores have been destroyed, the resource center has located food and supplies for those in need.

Swart has also started a non-profit outreach program, Outreach Kibera, to help the Kibera Resource Center with its work. Swart said she is looking for any kind of help and will be glad to receive anything, including office supplies, T-shirts for the soccer team and bandages.

Even the holiday cards sent over the break by the social work students have made a difference, she said. It means a lot for the youth in Kenya to know that students in another country are standing in solidarity with them and wishing them well, Swart said.

The School of Social Work has helped Swart with the teens in Kenya. She said the school taught her to look at individuals from a perspective of strength.

"In any situation, no matter how bad, there is strength to be found," Swart said.

She said that she uses that perspective when she works with the kids because they have many strengths that they aren't even aware of.

Karen Guin, the director of communications for the College of Health and Public Affairs, said Swart is empowering the kids in Kenya through her education.

"It's clear she has a passion," Guin said.

Swart said she remembers Jackson Muhoro in particular. Muhoro, after becoming homeless, got involved in drugs and gangs. Since then, he has completely changed his life and now serves as a coach and leader to the rest of the students.

"I put all my trust in her," Muhoro said of Swart.

She's helped the boys by trying to change their ideas and lives, Muhoro said. In the slum, people don't know about HIV, AIDS or drug abuse, and Swart has helped by teaching them how to prevent those diseases themselves, he said.

Muhoro also said that the community, as well as the kids, has benefited from the work.

"Now people are not going very far to get the water," he said.

He said that they love her because she is someone who has helped the community a lot.

A 14-year-old girl named Esther also impacted Swart's life.

Living in very poor conditions with no electricity, no money for books and no food, Esther was still able to study. Swart said the only thing Esther wrote about in her diary was continuing her education.

Starting in February, Esther will be the first girl the center sends to secondary school.

"There are strengths to be found in even the most reduced circumstances, and people have incredible resilience," Swart said. "With little help, they can build on those strengths."

"I've learned those kids have a lot more to give me than I have to give them."

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Spring 2008 Meetings Dates/Times/Location are:

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BASKETBALL

HEAT TO REPLAY FINAL MINUTE OF DEC. 19 GAME AGAINST ATL.

ATLANTA — For the first time since 1982, the NBA is sending two teams back to the court for a do-over.

The Atlanta Hawks and Miami Heat must replay the final 51.9 seconds of their game last month because the official scorer ruled incorrectly that Shaquille O'Neal fouled out, the league said Friday.

The Hawks won 117-111 at home in overtime Dec. 19, but strike that one from the books. For now, playoff-contending Atlanta has one less win, while the Miami have one less loss on its hapless record.

Making it a truly miserable day: Atlanta followed up NBA commissioner David Stern's decision by losing to Washington 102-98 in overtime.

The NBA said the replay will be held before Miami's next visit to Atlanta on March 8. Play will start from the time after O'Neal's disputed sixth foul, with the Hawks leading 114-111.



NO. 18 CLEMSON BEATS 'NOLES BEHIND FRESHMAN OGLESBY

CLEMSON, S.C. — Freshman Terrence Oglesby hit three of his six 3-pointers in the second overtime to help No. 18 Clemson beat Florida State 97-85 on Saturday night.

Oglesby, who had a four-point play earlier in the game, finally put away a contest where the Tigers (13-3, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) needed last-second shots to tie the game in regulation and the first extra period.

Trevor Booker's last-ditch shot from behind the arc with time running out tied the game at 67-67 at the end of the second half. Then with the Seminoles (12-5, 1-1) up 78-76 in the first overtime, James Mays followed up K.C. Rivers' miss to send the game into a second extra period.

Rivers started the barrage with a 3-pointer for an 83-80 lead. Then Oglesby stepped up with two straight long-range shots for a 9-point lead.

After Toney Douglas brought Florida State to 91-85 with his three, Oglesby did it one last time.

Booker had 29 points, including three 3-pointers. The sophomore had made only one 3-pointer in his career coming into the game.

FOOTBALL



COWBOYS' ELLIS NAMED NFL'S COMEBACK PLAYER

NEW YORK — Players entering their 10th season, coming off a major injury and in the midst of a position change rarely make an impact.

Greg Ellis made a major impact for the Dallas Cowboys at outside linebacker and on Saturday was voted The Associated Press 2007 NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

Ellis went from nonfactor in Dallas to a dominator at his new position after spending most of his career as a defensive end. He had 12.5 sacks, forming a dynamic pass-rushing force with All-Pro linebacker DeMarcus Ware.

He did it so well that Ellis drew 12 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league.

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KNIGHTS 97 | GOLDEN HURRICANE 91

WORTH THE WAIT

UCF victorious in exhausting overtime thriller

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

The UCF Men's Basketball team won more of a boxing match than a basketball game against Tulsa on Saturday night at the New UCF Arena.

Each squad exchanged plenty of figurative punches, and just when you thought that either team was out of it, they would stage a furious rally to continue the madness through three exhausting overtimes.

But it was guard Mike O'Donnell and forward Jermaine Taylor who delivered the biggest blows to help the Knights outlast the Golden Hurricane 97-91.

"It's what college basketball is all about," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said. "... It was an exciting, tough, hard-fought game. The people who weren't sitting in the seats really missed out tonight. I'm proud of our guys and the effort and composure that they had."

Late in the second overtime, it looked like UCF was on their way to certain defeat.

Tulsa guard Ben Uzoh made a 3-pointer over the smaller O'Donnell to give Tulsa an 83-80 lead with 1:02 left in the second overtime. After the Knights (9-7 overall, 2-0 in Conference USA) missed a couple of opportunities to get back within one point, they were forced to foul guard Brett McDade, who made both free throws.

The Golden Hurricane (8-5 overall, 0-1 in C-USA) were now up 85-80 with 32 seconds left. UCF took a timeout, but hope seemed slim for the Knights. Small portions of the school record 7,097 people in attendance actually left.

Hardly did they know that they were about to miss a memorable 30 seconds.

The Knights pushed the ball up the floor quickly and got it into O'Donnell's hands in the left corner for a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left. Guard Rod Earls caught the inbounds pass for Tulsa, but he was tied up by two Knights.

The officials called for a jump ball, giving the Knights another possession.

With new life, O'Donnell quickly put up an off-balanced shot from just beyond the free-throw line. The attempt was short, but a sea of hands tipped the ball out to a wide-open Cartwright above the arc. He made a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left, which sent the crowd into a frenzy and gave the Knights a one-point lead.

Or so everyone thought.

Unfortunately for the Knights and their fans, the crowd noise had drowned out an official's whistle, signaling that Speraw called a timeout



UCF guard Dave Noel attempts a layup in the Knights' 97-91 win over Tulsa on Saturday. Noel finished the game with nine points, six rebounds and five assists.

before Cartwright's shot, taking the game-changing three points off the scoreboard.

Still trailing by two points as UCF came out of the timeout, O'Donnell got the ball.

He ran around a screen near the left elbow and was tripped by McDade while in the act of shooting a 3-pointer. O'Donnell made two of three shots at

the line to tie the score, and while McDade had a good look at a short running layup, his attempt rolled off the back of the rim as time expired.

In the third extra period, it was Taylor's time to take over.

Taylor was tremendous early on,

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Knights drop second straight

PADRICK BREWER
Sports Editor

For the UCF Women's Basketball team, the players have changed, but the results are the same.

UCF started conference play last year with four consecutive defeats, and the Knights are on their way to repeating that feat this year.

The Knights were blown out in their second Conference USA game of the season, falling 90-62 to Southern Methodist in Dallas on Friday, six days after Southern Miss dropped the Knights 71-54 at home. They are now 7-8 overall on the season while the Mustangs are 11-4, 1-1 in C-USA.

The combination of the Mustangs' on-point shooting and the Knights' many miscues led to an easy victory for the home team.

The Knights never held a lead in the game, and SMU's lead ballooned to 32 points

SCOREBOARD

90-62
SMU vs. UCF

with a little more than two minutes remaining in the game.

Down 47-25, the Knights went on a 7-0 run to bring them within 15 at the end of the first half. But after trailing for the entire first half, UCF would get no closer.

SMU started the second half on a tear with a 24-6 run that put the Mustangs up by 31 points with 11:40 to go.

Guard Marshay White led UCF with 13, while forward Emma Cannon added 10.

Forward Tia Lewis added 12 points and 12 rebounds for her 10th double-double of the season.

The Mustangs had four players score in double fig-

NEWS TO NOTE

TURNOVER TROUBLE

The Knights committed 25 turnovers against the Mustangs, leading to 24 SMU points. The Knights are last in Conference USA with 344 turnovers and a differential of -5.27 per game.

TIA DOUBLES UP AGAIN

With 12 points and 12 rebounds Friday, Tia Lewis had her 10th double-double in the team's 15 games.

ures, led by guard Jillian Samuels' 14 points. Samuels was nearly perfect from the floor, including 4-of-4 from behind the 3-point line.

Samuels was one of five Mustangs to make a 3-pointer, an area in which they were one of C-USA's worst before facing the Knights.

SMU was 10-of-18 on its 3-pointers, while the Knights,

PLEASE SEE **SMU** ON A10



UCF guard Marshay White was one of the few bright spots for the Knights in their 90-62 defeat at SMU on Friday. She paced the Knights with 13 points and hit their lone 3-pointer.

DON'T HIDE



It felt like hiding. But he couldn't. He had to give this speech. His job depended on it. For four weeks he had been nervous and he barely made it through a recent staff meeting. Here he was again, afraid of the humiliation and embarrassment the slightest tremble in his voice may cause. He couldn't bear to be thought of as incompetent by everyone.

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Taylor's clutch shots save Knights

FROM A9

with 17 first-half points before Tulsa's defense limited him to a measly two points in the second half.

But when the game was on the line, Taylor answered the call. He scored six of his game-high 28 points in the third overtime on a couple of very similar 3-point baskets.

With 3:30 remaining, guard Chip Cartwright drove through the paint and dished the ball out to Taylor, who sank a 3-pointer to put UCF up 90-85.

A couple of possessions later, Cartwright drew the defense's attention again by slashing through the lane, found Taylor at the same spot on the court for another 3-pointer that put UCF ahead by six with about 60 seconds left.

The Golden Hurricane put up some desperation attempts down the stretch, but their prayers went unanswered.

"Jermaine was real antsy early in the game, but we told him to be patient," Speraw said. "He was very patient and stepped up and knocked some big 3s when we had to have them there in the third overtime."

The Golden Hurricane began the game on fire, hitting five of their first seven shots to take an early 11-2 lead. That is when the Knights seemed to get comfortable and began a gigantic run. Led by what may have been the highlight play of its season, UCF limited Tulsa to just 14 points over the final 15 minutes of the first half.

Offensively, the Knights got hot and ended the opening half with a 40-25 advantage.

Taylor made 6-of-10 shots in



ANDY JACOBSON / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
UCF center Stanley Billings guards Tulsa's Jerome Jordan during the Knights' 97-91 win. Billings finished the game with a career-high 17 points and eight rebounds.

the first half, but none were as spectacular as his alley-oop dunk from Cartwright. Taylor caught the high feed with two hands, nearly jumped over Tulsa's 6-foot-5-inch Ray Reese and sent it home with one hand.

To add to Reese's embarrassment, he was called for a blocking foul on the play, enabling Taylor to turn his dunk into a three-point play.

"I read Chip," Taylor said. "That's my roommate, so we had a good little connection on that. He puts it up, and I'm going to go get it, no matter where it is. If someone's in the way, they're just in the way."

The Knights kept the Golden Hurricane at bay for the first five minutes of the second half, maintaining a 54-39 lead.

As the half went on, the Knights seemed to relax and the Golden Hurricane took advantage.

Slowly, Tulsa cut into UCF's lead one possession and point at a time. By the time that cen-

ter Jerome Jordan made two free throws with 6:28 to play, Tulsa was right back in the game, down just 69-64.

"I think we got a little complacent in the second half," UCF center Stanley Billings said. "We had that 15-point lead. I guess we thought it was going to be easy."

Billings' layup on UCF's following possession ended Tulsa's 15-5 run, but that didn't stop the Golden Hurricane's momentum.

The Knights held the lead until the 2:11 mark of the second half when McDade hit a 3-pointer that gave the Golden Hurricane a 67-65 lead, their first in nearly 28 minutes.

Neither team made a field for the rest of regulation, but UCF guard Dave Noel knocked down two free throws to send the game into overtime, tied at 67-67.

Tulsa players clearly couldn't hear their coach due to all of the crowd noise in the first overtime, but after both teams

had a player fouled while shooting a 3-pointer and made all three free throws, they moved to a second overtime with a 78-78 score.

Saturday's game was the third three-overtime game in UCF history and its first since 1977.

"It was punch-counter-punch, back and forth," Speraw said. "What a tremendous game for the fans. It's just exciting. People making big plays, people making tough shots, people getting big rebounds."

Other than Taylor, UCF got much needed production from their post players, such as Billings. He made 6-of-12 shots and set career-highs with 17 points and eight rebounds in 40 minutes.

"He stepped up big time," Taylor said of Billings. "We're glad he stepped up. If we can get him to play like that every game, we're going to be a tough team to beat."

O'Donnell continued to come out of his shooting slump. He contributed 18 points, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range. Cartwright added 15 points and five assists coming off the bench.

Jordan and forward Calvin Walls recorded double-doubles for the Golden Hurricane.

Uzoh scored a team-high 25 points with eight assists.

The Knights will get some much-needed rest as they don't play until Saturday at East Carolina (6-8 overall, 0-1 in C-USA).

The Pirates lost their most recent game at No. 2 Memphis, 99-58.

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SMU takes advantage of UCF miscues

FROM A9

who were shooting nearly 33 percent on their 3-pointers heading into the game, were

held to 1-of-10 from deep.

UCF won the rebounding battle 40-35, but the Mustangs took advantage of the Knights' 25 turnovers, converting them

into 24 points.

The Mustangs had 24 assists, while the Knights managed just 10.

The Knights played the

Tulsa Golden Hurricane at press time Sunday in Tulsa, Okla. A full recap will be in Wednesday's issue of the *Future*.

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OUR STANCE

Education should trump sandwiches

At some point you have to draw a line between the glitter and the gold.

Eventually, the University of Central Florida will need to do just that.

All it takes is a drive around the New UCF Arena for you to be blinded by all the glitter. Anyone looking for food will find two places to get pizza, one sub sandwich shop with another on the way, and an ice cream shop. Also in the area is the Bright House Networks outlet.

Bright House certainly has done an impressive job, impressive enough to win an award for being the system of the year.

This is all very neat. It is understandable why a university needs places like this. It creates a nice environment for the students who live on campus, especially those who live in the on-campus Towers apartments. Also, the university gets money from the businesses when they rent out the space, creating revenue. Not to mention it is all very aesthetically pleasing on the surface.

There is a very fine line, however, between creating a nice place for people to live and an impressive place for people to receive an education. Creating an attractive campus with nice stores is all well and good, but ultimately, the reason that a student comes to UCF is to further their education and to get a degree.

Sure, having a flashy business

district will draw in prospective students. But the question still remains whether these students should really be judging where to seek their higher education based on how close their room is to a place they can buy a sub sandwich.

If you were to take the blocks of businesses off campus and drop them on a random street corner, not a single person would think they looked out of place. What we have is the oasis of suburban existence: the strip mall.

One should question why it is that we can have what is essentially a strip mall on our campus, but we are still without a Classroom II Building.

The *Beer and Circus* theory attempts to explain this. The book, written by Murray Sperber, discusses how undergraduate studies are being killed by things like college sports on campus.

This phenomena causes prospective students to be drawn in by things like sports teams, or in our case, businesses, and not even worry about the kind of education they will be getting.

Could it really be that if we have enough fancy new restaurants and amenities we will be too distracted to complain about other shortcomings or ask questions about why we have the worst student-to-teacher ratio in the country?

It seemed to work pretty well for the Romans.

It's hard to find anything even

remotely academic about that area of campus, except maybe the bookstore. No, wait, they don't sell textbooks at that location. They do have a lot of souvenirs though.

There must be some point where we cap off the commercialization on campus.

Do we really need two different pizza places and two different sandwich places down the sidewalk from each other? Would it have killed us to maybe put in some sort of conference and meeting area that students could use? Or a resource center with academic counseling, figuring the rather large population of the Towers apartments?

I guess those things don't get the same sort of reaction when you start to shuffle in hoards of people for gamedays.

Where is the future of this sprawl? Could the day come when you can get a pizza or a sub sandwich in every building on campus? Perhaps even both?

There has to be priority. Education should be coming first. It should be our No. 1 focus on campus. It is completely understandable that we need certain businesses on campus for students, and to some extent, appeal. We are starting to go overboard with it, and we should curb it off before it goes too far and we lose track of what we are in the first place.

We should not get distracted by the glitter — or sandwiches.



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Racial jokes have negative punchlines

Racism is real. Even now, in 2008, all can agree that racism does indeed exist. After 19 years of soaking in the murky waters of American culture, I've come to a conclusion that racism in America remains a cultural cancer because of one thing: bad jokes.

Comedy in America and abroad is as much an expression of power as it is a form of entertainment. Making fun of someone can imply that the person making the joke has dominance over what he is making the joke about, and it can also imply that the person making fun is doing so with a sense of rebellion against the butt of his joke.

A few good jokes can convince a person to say, do or agree with nearly anything. Unfortunately, a few bad jokes can have the exact same effect. So what does all of this have to do with racism? Here's a joke for you:

Why did the chicken cross the road?
To get to the other side.

The "Chicken Crossing the Road" joke is nearly as old as jokes themselves. Everyone has heard it and no one thinks it's funny.

Imagine knowing someone who loves this joke so much he tells it over and over again to everyone he knows. Imagine having to hear the same joke about chickens and roads on every TV show and in every movie for the rest of your life. Wouldn't that get kind of annoying?

That being said, I find it absolutely incredible that so many comedians make a living by repeating the same stereotyping, racist jokes with slightly altered punch lines.

I can't understand how the idea of black people loving fried chicken still makes people chuckle.

Not long ago, I was sitting outside on a bench near the Student Union, snacking on a chicken strip, when a friend of mine



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approached. He looked at me, my hand shoving the strip into my mouth, and smiled, saying, "You know you really make it hard for people to not believe that all black people love chicken." My reply to him was, "Everyone loves chicken, not just black people," while I pointed to the Chick-fil-A bag he was holding.

Good jokes are based on truth, but the best jokes convince an audience that the comedian is

actually speaking the truth. The unfortunate thing about stereotypes is that they are only funny if the audience already perceives them to be true. I'm tired of hearing about black people loving chicken. Chicken is served at nearly every restaurant that serves food, and that has nothing to do with race. Everyone loves chicken.

My opinion is not confined to only black stereotypes. All stereotypes are stupid, yet people hear them so much that they start to believe them. The average person hears some untrue joke about Asians not being able to drive and remembers it every time he sees an Asian person in a vehicle. It's a totally false statement, but as that person speeds through a red light he starts to believe that what he heard about Asians is true, and the power of comedy has thoroughly convinced him to believe so.

The key to ending racism and discrimination is more than just trying to create equality between people. People have to actually believe that everyone is equal.

People have to be able to see that everyone eats chicken and that the roads are filled with bad drivers of all races. Racism will cease to exist only when the average person can hear a stereotypical joke and think, "That's not true. I see all sorts of people do that all the time."

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Keep military research in check

AT&T's latest monetary contribution to UCF's Institute for Simulation and Training, which will aid in military research, is a double-edged sword in disguise.

When it comes to appreciating any benefits that military research provides, it's hard to do so without a feeling of uneasiness concerning the ethics of the research.

The money received will be going toward the development of simulation training, but will it end there? If left unchecked, military research and development has the potential to become an evil that we don't want on our campus.

On the pro side of the research, there is the obvious benefit of protecting our country. Many argue that the research is necessary because anything that is produced is used to bolster our nation's safety, and of course, what could be more important than the safety of our nation, right?

However, further progress into the fields of weaponry and destruction could quickly exacerbate what is now "simple" simulation training. We may find that our own knowledge leads us down a slippery slope toward attainment of power at any cost.

On the con side of military research, there is the idea that our own research could put our country at a greater risk for attack. Think of Iran and North Korea. President Bush fears their new-found nuclear power and is portraying them as a great threat to our country, as well as asking them to give up their information.

Researchers here at home might develop something during their research that is powerful enough to pose a threat to other nations' security. We may have something that they don't want us to have because, at the push of

a button, it could destroy half of their country. They will inevitably ask us to dispose of this technology — to become accountable for our power — and I doubt we are going to bow down to foreign nations' demands just as others are wary to bow down to ours.

Yet, back on the pro side of things, military research makes us a more technologically advanced society overall. Everything from Global Positioning Systems to radar get their start in military applications. Inventions intended for our armed forces have a tendency to find their way into the civilian marketplace and often can bolster the economy.

Another pro of military research is that we have the ability to train our troops at home before they ever touch the battlefield through simulation and the like, and our knowledge is surely expanding by the minute. This makes them more prepared for disaster and thus more likely to survive in the field.

Although these feats are great, military research comes with a dark price.

The real moral dilemma, the elephant-in-the-room, so to speak, is the fact that military research has the potential to be the study of death.

The answers to many of the researcher's greatest questions come from experimenting and testing on animals, such as dogs, cats, rabbits and monkeys.

According to the Western Daily Press, Britain's Ministry of Defense, with the help of American scientists, has experimented on at least 100,000 animals since the year 2000 in their Porton Down defense laboratory. The research supports allowing pigs, mice and monkeys to be used as subjects for trying to discover how to stop bleeding. They are also exposed to toxic chemicals

and biological agents, subjected to burns, nerve gases and the E.coli virus. Keep in mind that all of this is done in the country with the strictest laws regarding animal experimentation.

So do the means really justify the ends when it comes to military research? We certainly wouldn't condone such testing to be done on campus, no matter the amount of dollars donated to UCF to do so.

It clearly clashes with the environment of an institution of learning.

To put it bluntly, more than half of military research is inevitably the research of bigger, quicker, more powerful, death and destruction. These kinds of advances are not ones we would want to have on campus.

Although UCF's military research is starting small—with the advancement of simulations — the fact remains that we owe it to ourselves to keep a watchful eye on its progression. Although fine now, it could easily morph into the kind of developments that promote death and that put us in the middle of a moral quagmire.

We need to make sure we steer far away from building more powerful and destructive military devices. The research of destruction simply does not belong on a college campus. Building a country on the goal of eliminating threats, rather than increasing them, seems like it would make an overall happier life for all of us.

Let us keep our consciences clean, knowing that things we build will not end up killing massive amounts of people. Items such as simulators seem fine now, but if looking at past military research tells us anything, it's that we need to keep a close eye on just what it is we're getting ourselves into.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

Monday puzzle: Easy level

Wednesday puzzle: Medium level

Friday puzzle: Hard level

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ACROSS
1 Lug about
5 Principle of good conduct
10 Wood source
14 Truant GI
15 Canine tether
16 In good health
17 Mr. Arnaz
18 Areas of interest
20 Perfect memory
22 Roofing stone
24 Fielder's need
27 " Galahad"
28 Themes
34 Sister of Osiris
35 Indeed
36 Earth or Mars
37 Tide type
38 Charmingly deceptive
40 Purplish brown
43 Mocomedes
44 Desert's land
44 Hoodwinked
47 Highly excited
48 Pelted with rocks
49 Pindar product
50 Drum with fingers
52 Park, CO
54 Bodily distresses
60 Kidnapped to be a sailor
62 Abominable snowman
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70 English school

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Last issue solved

11 Shut back up
12 Wapiti
13 Goller Ernie
19 Rascal
21 Home of the Sun
22 Cloud cover
23 Falsehood
25 By way of
26 Psychic's power
29 Namesakes of a Russian saint
30 Mocking reproach
31 Architect Jones
32 Big-time criminal
33 Steps over a fence
38 Certain ballroom dances
39 2000 candidate
40 Butter serving
41 Grunt
42 Having a heart-shaped outline
44 Position under scrutiny
45 Fruity beverage
46 Plaines, IL
51 NYC arena
53 Fashion
55 Guy
56 Hawaiian island
57 Demeanor
58 Exploit
59 Likelihood
60 NBC classic
61 Weeder's tool
63 Tango team
64 Traveler's stop

Solution and new puzzles in next issue's Classifieds

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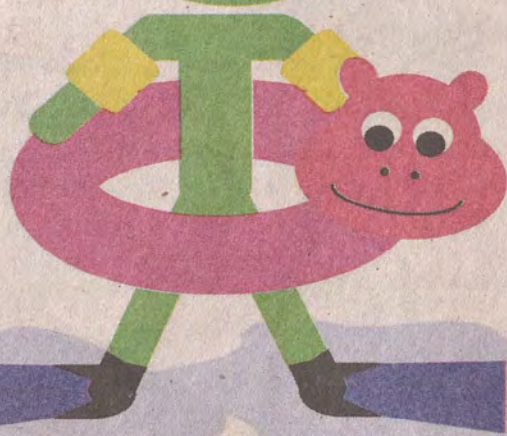
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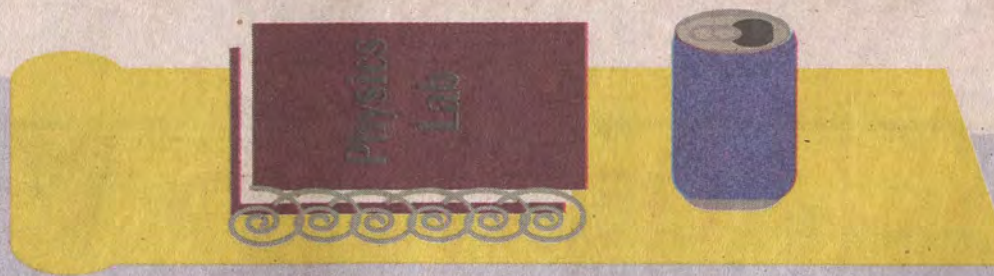
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500 Pts.	Jan. 15	9pm Ferrell Commons	Interfraternity Council (IFC) Recruitment
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